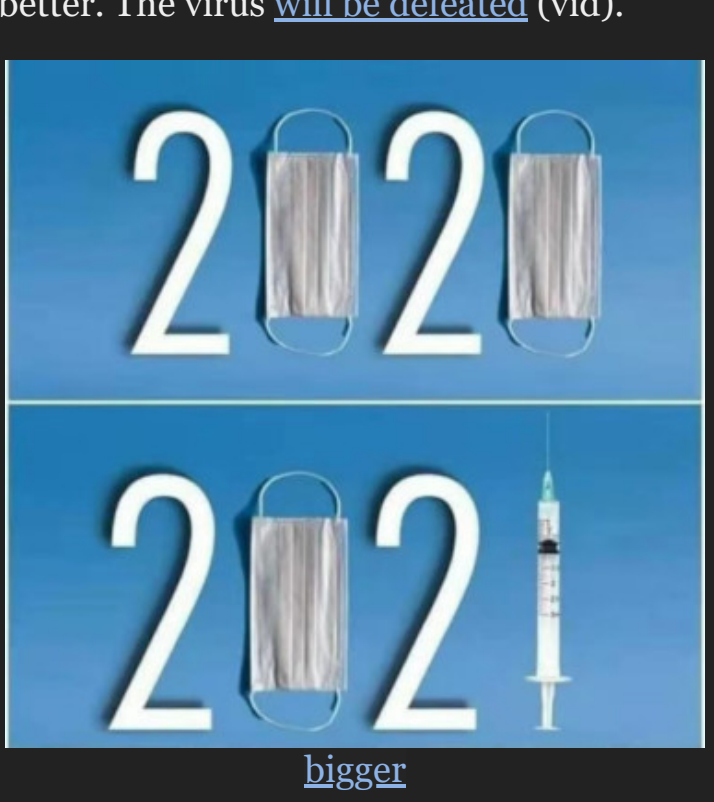
December 31, 2020

The Year Of Masks Ends - The Year Of Vaccines Arises

This year was weird and somewhat depressing. But there are signs that the next year will be better. The virus will be defeated (vid).



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The SARS-CoV-2 pandemic created some interesting phenomenons. Historically it moved the world's power center towards the east. China and other eastern countries proved to be much better in controlling the outbreak and were rewarded with economic success. The U.S. has lost its leading role in the world but has yet to accept the new multi-polarity. That increases the chance of new conflicts.

Below are links to some of the stories, written throughout the last year, that document and reflect on those trends.

Writing about the virus was a challenge. Not from a scientific point but due to the reaction of some commentators who were unable to accept the facts. I never before had to delete and block so much nonsense. That, astonishingly, did not diminish the blog's readership. With some 11 million page views the blog even attracted a bit more public interest in 2020 than in 2019. A great comments on this blog have a lot to do with this success.

Thanks to all of you who come read and/or comment here.

A happy New Year to all of you.

Bernhard

January:

- U.S. Will Come To Regret Its Assassination of Qassim Soleimani
- New Boeing CEO Insists On Moving The Company Towards Irrelevance
- The Coronavirus - No Need To Panic

February:

- Democrats Deserve To Lose Unless They Change
- Syria - Aleppo Is Fully Liberated But The War Will Continue
- As Virus Spreads Over The Planet Governments Are Slow To React

March:

- Justice Department Drops Case Against 'Russian Influence Campaign' While New Fake Claims Arise
- Coronavirus - How To Lift Lockdowns And Why We Should All Wear Masks
- Trump, Putin Will Discuss The End Of U.S. Shale Oil

April:

- Why The U.S. Will Drown In Covid-19 Cases
- How The Coronavirus Killed The Shale Industry
- It Is Not 'Authoritarian' To Support Quarantine Measures - It Just Makes Sense

May:

- "There Is No Glory In Prevention."
- Early Lockdown Lifting Will Prolong The Greater Depression
- China's Move In Hong Kong Illustrates The End Of U.S. Superiority

June:

- How To Change The Meaning Of Monuments Without Removing Them
- Belarus - A U.S. Sponsored Color Revolution Is Underway
- Arms Control Diplomacy Used To Be Serious - It Has Been Replaced With Stupid Stunts

July:

- New Law Liberates Hong Kong From U.S. Interference
- On Its Way Into Poverty Lebanon Is At The Crossroads
- A Significant Decline Is Coming For The U.S.

August:

- 'Western' Media Falsely Claim That Russia's Covid-19 Vaccine Is Ready To Go
- Belarus - NATO Lobby Acknowledges That Its Color Revolution Failed
- 'Mostly Peaceful' Rioting And Looting Is Helping Trump's Campaign

September:

- Why A Biden Presidency Will Disappoint Progressive Democrats
- New Documents Reveal Secret British Efforts To Arm, Assist And Propagandize 'Moderate Rebels' In Syria
- The End Of The 'Rules Based International Order'

October:

- Media Again Falsely Claim That Joe Biden's Intervention In Ukraine Was Innocent
- U.S. Again Moves Goalposts For Nuclear Treaty Extension
- What Would A Democratic Presidency Really Change?

November:

- The Huge New Trade Deal 'Western' Media Do Not Like To Talk About
- The Great Revenge - How Tony Fauci F*cked Donald Trump
- The Vaccine Competition Will Be Ruthless

December:

- "Uighurs forced to eat pork" - Horror Stories Told By Chinese Defector Seem To Evolve
- New Documents Show How The British Government Secretly Created 'Regime Change' Protests In Lebanon
- The 'Mighty Wurlitzer' - How U.S. Financed 'Human Rights' Organizations Create Anti-Chinese Headlines

Posted by b on December 31, 2020 at 16:58 UTC | Permalink

Comments

Thank you b ...

... for providing a platform for discussing the most important developments of the day.

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Happy New Year to all moa readers/commenters.

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Posted by: Jackrabbit | Dec 31 2020 17:12 utc | 1

I second Jackrabbits comment

Posted by: jo6pac | Dec 31 2020 17:17 utc | 2

After the donning of the sacred masks we proceed around the sacred circle for a full solar cycle.

Thereafter we drink the sacred blood of the flesh of our enemy and go around the circle once more.

> "The mechanics of change, change through mechanism, a rhythm to sync to, merge and flow with, a magnetic draw drawing one down the path toward transmutation.
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> Rituals are vehicles driving home those ideas — information, data, symbols — which, upon transmission and transformation, create the language by which new society members communicate after they are initiated.
>
> This new language imparts a new understanding through definitions the ritual generates; meaning pegged to signposts of its own self-referential process, even if the original purpose is lost in the repetition of action. A ritual initiation introduces and inducts one into "the way" ... a new way of life or worldview, a program to guide beliefs and actions enabling the initiate to become a full and true member of the new society.
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> Note that ritual is not always a conscious action; not everyone partaking in a ritual is made explicitly aware that they are participants... and yet still, new patterns of thought, of significance, are drummed in (conscious or not)."
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> An initiation ritual typically involves three stages ...
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> First, isolation from the old world ...
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> Second, the transition from the old self through the void into the new normal ...
>
> Third, Integration into a new a new reality. A new "normal.

("The Characteristics of an Initiation Ritual" - Truthstream media)

Posted by: Arch Bungle | Dec 31 2020 17:23 utc | 3

Happy New Year folks!

I think 2021 is going to be a year of great change.

Thanks to MOA and all the commentators for making this a must read blog.

Posted by: Down South | Dec 31 2020 17:32 utc | 4

Happy New Year. Just wanted to pass on to you the attribution to Moon of Alabama, by As'ad AbuKhalil:
British intrigue in the Middle East was also the subject of a recent leak of documents related to the British embassy in Beirut, (they were leaked by "Anonymous" and were posted on the site of Moon of Alabama). The documents came on the heels of another release three months ago about British propaganda work on behalf of Syrian rebels.

Posted by: Maracatu | Dec 31 2020 17:36 utc | 5

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thanks b! happy new year to you and all the other moa posters here.. ditto the above comments.... moa is a great site!

here is a song from the who.... "i hear 21 is going to be a good year" - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H4lurE-IpHE

i agree with you about the usa not acknowledging or accepting a multi-polar world at this moment... that is going to take some time...

Posted by: james | Dec 31 2020 17:45 utc | 6

Thank you b, and the great commentators at the bar.

Posted by: Trisha | Dec 31 2020 17:45 utc | 7

Thanks B for your blog, and for supporting the comments section. One of the worst aspects of the internet, imo, is the absolute crap that gets posted in general all over the web in the guise of comments, much of it apparently paid-for-trolling by various powers-that-be, I guess. The savvy crew of moa barflies, and b of course, seem intent at weeding out these morons who like to shill for the insanity that constitutes world politics today, and which keeps this site readable and entertaining for the most part. Thank you all.

2021 will not only be the year of the covid vax, but I'm predicting also the year of the covid vax reaction, with the mRNA ones possibly being recalled later in the year due to the toxic side affects of such a new and mostly-untested technology, of which examples of are already starting to come out in various sites (non MSM obviously). Of course, Pfizer/AstraZeneca et al have complete indemnity so they may not get recalled at all and the masses of vax injury/death just gets buried, as per usual. (Looking forward to seeing dr Wakefield's new documentary "1986" on that topic, he very succinctly sums up the mRNA tech in interviews on the forthcoming film.)

I ain't goin anywhere near the mRNA ones unless by force, like kicking and screaming, biting and scratching, handcuffed and lobotomized! Might consider the Sputnik and sinopharm tho, in that order, if travel is necessary and vaxes are mandated for it, which is prob. likely. Nice effin world we now live in, eh?

Next year I hope to contribute to b's blog as I will prob. be a Bitcoin millionaire by then, haha ☺! Hey b, how about a story on BTC, would be interesting to see your take on it, and the subsequent comments.

Happy New Year's all!

Posted by: Bluesguy | Dec 31 2020 18:06 utc | 8

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Posted by: d dan | Dec 31 2020 18:44 utc | 9

Also I should mention there are many great commenters that I learn a lot and enjoy reading - some are obvious to most of us, but other are less frequent. I won't list them individually because I sure will forget and miss some (my apology).

May the new year bring all of you health, happiness and successes too.

Posted by: d dan | Dec 31 2020 18:50 utc | 10

Nice segue of the years b but I think reality won't be as agreeable....we won't go out of 2021 as the year of the vaccine....maybe more will know we are in a civilization war by the end of 2021.

Happy New Year to all!

@ Bluesguy about Bitcoin....I suggest you read about the tulip mania of the 1600's and then think about where you will be in line when the Great Wurlitzer music stops. Bitcoin is another fiat currency that is only worth what someone will give you for it. At least with supposed national currencies the country stands behind their money. What entity of any value is going to stand behind Bitcoin or any of those pricey tulip bulbs of the day when the music stops.....and it will.

Posted by: psychohistorian | Dec 31 2020 18:54 utc | 11

Psychohistorian - I don't agree. All currencies today are fiat and are based on nothing at all except faith. (I think the Swiss Franc might still be on gold but not too sure about it). You can have just as much faith in Bitcoin as the US dollar and perhaps even more given the dollar is indebted to nearly $30 trillion which will never be repaid and cannot be repaid so it is a guaranteed collapse no matter what we do. Hence all the wars initiated against any state that stopped trading in dollars. The lure of Bitcoins are the supposed inability of state governments to manipulate them. Personally, I see a lot of manipulation already which is why I haven't gone all-in with Bitcoins although I do have 2 of them I mined 6 years ago. I keep them for a rainy day :)

Posted by: Old Microbiologist | Dec 31 2020 19:20 utc | 12

Masks prevent spreading Covid to others

This article tracks airline passengers arriving in Hong Kong from the UAE who were immediately tested for Covid upon arrival and then again 14 day's later. When wearing masks the number of infections only increased by two (and they might have been newly infected before the flight). Before airlines had mandatory mask requirements, they had super=spreader events.

why post this? because know-it-alls like Laura Ingraham love to post studies and interview her small circle of doctors who smirk while claiming that masks don't work. Everything they cite track how well masks protect the wearer but not others.
So tonight, on today's ANGLE ...
being focused on oneself is the sign of a narcissistic, know-it-all = DING !

Posted by: Christian J. Chuba | Dec 31 2020 19:21 utc | 13

Happy New Year b to you and yours! And may God Bless us everyone.

Posted by: bob sykes | Dec 31 2020 19:23 utc | 14

I don't need a crystal ball or paranormal powers of foresight to forecast that Syria will be a prominent topic here at MoA in 2021. Presidential elections are scheduled this year and Bashar al Assad is eligible to run for a second 7-year term under the 2012 Constitution. Cue for the US and its lackeys to insist that the elections must not go ahead unless Assad steps down or to attempt something underhanded against him if he wins a second term.

Some time during 2021 the Syrians and their allies will try to expel all terrorists from their Idlib enclave.

Maybe 2021 will be the year the Kurdish communities in Syria finally realise their best chances for survival, peace and security lie in working with Damascus.

Other likely news will be China finally arresting and imprisoning all HK Umbrella colour-regime leaders and compelling more of its billionaires to cease using HK as a tax haven or face the break-up of their companies, similar to the break-up of Jack Ma's Alibaba empire and under the same or similar anti-monopoly laws.

A safe and peaceful New Year to all. Thanks B for your posts and to all MoA barflies for great discussions and links to informative blogs and websites.

Posted by: Jen | Dec 31 2020 19:38 utc | 15

Old Microbiologist
" You can have just as much faith in Bitcoin as the US dollar.."
I think that was pretty much psychohistorian's point. As to Bluesguy: you can buy ten ounces of gold and seven hundred odd ounces of silver for one of those Bitcoins.
re the Covid vacination the latest news from the UK where the clowns rule is https://skwawkbox.org/2020/12/31/leading-medic-says-bma-and-pfizer-agree-hancocks-decision-to-issue-single-vaccine-doses-will-do-little-but-destroy-its-effectiveness/#comments

Posted by: bevin | Dec 31 2020 19:40 utc | 16

Hello Bernhard and commentators,
I want to thank you all sincerely for keeping MoA one of the most worthwhile sites to follow on the net. Not just b for all the work and time his reporting takes, but most of the commentators too for discussion and linking to further info. MoA has for me been a mandatory, at-least-once-a-day visit for the past years and (fully honest! no ass-kissing intended) not even once has firing up this site turned out to be a waste of time. A happy (and hopefully better than 2020) new year to you and long live the bar!

Posted by: A silent MoA reader | Dec 31 2020 19:43 utc | 17

Thanks everybody, best wishes for the new year.

James, good sound track, from 21 to Acid Queen, hopefully The Who was right, it's going to be a good year.

Posted by: Paco | Dec 31 2020 19:49 utc | 18

> The U.S. has lost its leading role in the world but has yet to accept the new multi-polarity.

Yup. China and Europe just signed a mega trade BIT deal. This comes after RCEP.

Posted by: Passer by | Dec 31 2020 19:59 utc | 19

Good site have a good new year!

Posted by: michael lacey | Dec 31 2020 20:10 utc | 20

Copied from d dan | Dec 31 2020 18:44 utc | 9 -- because it bears repeating:
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My sentiments, exactly.

Posted by: AntiSpin | Dec 31 2020 20:43 utc | 21

Thank you b. Keep up the good work!

I cannot help but emphasize what you wrote:

Not from a scientific point but due to the reaction of some commentators who were unable to accept the facts.

The problem I see is that icreasingly it is hard to get at the facts (by design). As much as I value your work and this site, you do not have (all) the facts. Specifically, my impression is that wrt the virus this site has excluded some avenues of exploration/discussion because of 'facts'.

I do not hold this against you, or anyone else, as it is still valuable information, and one have to 'start somewhere.

Happy New Year to All!

Posted by: Idiocrates | Dec 31 2020 20:55 utc | 22

Here's a toast to Bernhard and the barflies we have had, do have and will have.

Dan of Steele, okiebyaccident, annie, my dear giap, DeAnander, Malooga and you current crop have brought tears, and tears of laughter to us all. What a crazy bunch!

All I can say is that with so many contrasting views, the truth has already been posted somewhere in these pages.

To the truth!

Posted by: jonku | Dec 31 2020 20:59 utc | 23

Overall I think b has done a tremendous job and is one of the best news sources I can think of over all the Internet.

I respect b's coverage of the coronavirus and his interpretation of it, even though I disagree slightly. The most important thing for me would be to keep a healthy discourse and to allow for differing viewpoints, provided they are well-argumented. We are not gullible children and should be able to separate the wheat from the chaff.

Personally, I'm more and more puzzled by the whole saga, a year later I still can't understand why we have to completely upend our lives for a virus with a case fatality rate of 0,2%, of which almost all are above 60 or having comorbidities. I'm looking at people and the media reporting breathlessly about vaccines, and just think like dude, wtf... It's like people have suddenly discovered that virus and death exist, and that they can't tolerate it anymore. We have become unable to think rationally.

Posted by: Micron | Dec 31 2020 21:13 utc | 24

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the MOON rocks big time!

Posted by: c | Dec 31 2020 21:30 utc | 25

Thank you for your great work, Bernhard! Happy New Year!

Posted by: S | Dec 31 2020 22:51 utc | 26

Prost, b! Thank you, as always. So grateful for you.

Posted by: beq | Dec 31 2020 22:52 utc | 27

Just speculating. Given the raptious nature of the American companies who developed mRNA based vaccines, many countries will turn to the Russian and Chinese vaccines. Given that the pandemic exposed incompetence of public and private medical systems in the US, it will be a LONG time before the population gets the vaccine to beat the virus.

In the mean time, countries using the much more inexpensive vaccines from China and Russia will effectively protect them as they simply can vaccinate their entire populations.

As a result maybe the global economy shifts in this century toward struggling countries who opted
for the Russian/Chinese vaccine as they will in effect have healthy productive populations.

The West may simply kill off its dominance in this century to ensure pharma profits.

Posted by: Erelis | Dec 31 2020 22:56 utc | 28

Guten Rutsch und Gesundes Neues, for all of you barflies. Thanks for every word. I am not always agree but appreciate the time we spend together very much.

Posted by: rico rose | Dec 31 2020 22:57 utc | 29

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looking back on 2020
it's sad to realize
that folks are even dumber
than anyone surmized

From QANON to COVID
From Trump to Joe O'Biden
it's safe to say the USA
is sinking like Poseidon

they didn't flinch when tents arose
to house the working poor
when their livlihoods were stolen
by countless force majeure

The Evil Ones have got them
so besotted with division
they are forced to pick a side
by talking heads on television

I for one am glad to see
the behemoth exposed
may it retract its tentacles
from every facet of the globe

I hope that they go quietly,
no spiteful armageddon
no genocide or war
my hopes are low as we have seen them operate before

Posted by: ld | Dec 31 2020 23:07 utc | 30

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b -- appreciate the optimism, but if we keep "mitigating" this virus at a slow boil, it may be in the process of mutating into something we really can't handle, rather than just pretending to try.

Vaccine roll out a politicized sh*t show, like the earlier chapters; transmissibility increases may actually result in more deaths than increase in virulence; and it may mutate outside the range of vaccine efficacy; even if we can invent vaccines fast enough can we roll them out fast enough?

Posted by: Paul Damascene | Dec 31 2020 23:07 utc | 31

@Micron | Dec 31 2020 21:13 utc | 24

I honestly believe we ain't seen nothing yet.

I can't shake off the feeling that most of what we are fed is bs meant to distract. Not sure from what exactly, but my money is on something far more important to us all in the long run.

I mean why would 'facts' about the virus be exceptional (ie 'true') in the sense that most everything else is horseshit.

Like the man says: *Falsus in Uno, falsus in omnibus.*

Posted by: Idiocrates | Dec 31 2020 23:37 utc | 32

Happy New Year b! Thank you for everything always. super congrats on your health/weight success. Mostly, thank you for being there, keeping us not just informed, but informed consciously and conscientiously.

Happy New year to all the barflies. it's been like what? 17 years or something. MoA, the best blog in the universe.

heart

Posted by: annie | Dec 31 2020 23:37 utc | 33

"Which banner have you decided to follow?

"The 'COVID19 s the most terrible infection ever, and we must do everything in our power to stop it, whatever the cost' banner.

"Or the 'What on earth are we doing? This is no worse than a bad flu, and we are destroying the world economy, stripping away basic human rights and killing more people than we are saving' banner."

What is left to say? (Dr Malcolm Kendrick)

Posted by: ADKC | Dec 31 2020 23:45 utc | 34

Toast to b and all barflies!

Posted by: annie | Jan 1 2021 0:01 utc | 35

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sure is nice to see all the old names appear. I remember with great fondness watching fireworks in front of a certain house in Altona all those years ago. My thanks go to Bernhard for his tireless work bringing a bit of sanity to this very weird world we live in.

take good care, perhaps our paths will cross again.

Frohes neues Jahr 2021

dan

Posted by: dan of steele | Jan 1 2021 0:10 utc | 36

Happy New Year, Bernard.

Better than Vaxx, RUS will be Rolling Out Etiotropic Meds to take out SARS2-CoV.

https://www.zerohedge.com/medical/russia-develops-highly-efficient-antidote-fight-covid-claiming-99-effectiveness

Posted by: IronForge | Jan 1 2021 0:22 utc | 37

We are legion!

Hi to Blackie/Noirette ...

Don't miss the video in the original post, it's a 4-minute segment with a miniature model world showing the year in review, featuring the end of Covid (I hope that like me, you'll enjoy the climax).

The virus will be defeated

Also, featuring a construction crane (thanks b!)

Posted by: jonku | Jan 1 2021 0:28 utc | 38

Happy New Year to all, and thanks to b for all his hard work here!!

Posted by: juliania | Jan 1 2021 1:13 utc | 39

Many thanks Bernhard! I like it that you don't "play favorites," look at important issues and events world wide from an independent POV, do your research, and most of all, admit when you're wrong. All of these traits together spell reliability and trust -- and it's why your site, with its findings and opinions (even if they are at times a bit crusty), is on my daily "go to" list to check whatszzup on the freakin' globe! Happy New Year to you and yours and keep on keepin on!
DickyGee

Posted by: Richard A Gabrio | Jan 1 2021 1:34 utc | 40

Interesting to follow this rather 'sensational' piece of news:

https://www.rt.com/russia/511116-world-first-covid19-antidote/

> " Russia's Federal Medical and Biological Agency (FMBA) has announced the development of a drug to fight against Covid-19, which would become the world's first direct-acting antiviral antidote if clinical trials are successful.
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> According to Veronika Skvortsova, the head of FMBA, studies thus far have shown it is more than 99% effective.
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> "This is the first etiotropic drug that directly affects the virus. In fact, this is an antidote for coronavirus infection," she informed Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin on Wednesday, noting that preclinical studies have been completed, which have shown the remedy to be "completely safe" and "highly efficient.""

The devil, of course, will be in the detail. Particularly, at what stage of infection it is effective.

But then, there is this, from the same article:

> "The FMBA is also working on a separate drug for the treatment of the most complex coronavirus cases, which suppresses and prevents a physiological reaction called 'hypercytokinemia'. Also known as a 'cytokine storm', it is an immune response that leads to body tissue damage, and is thought by some to be causing Covid-19 deaths."

Posted by: powerandpeople | Jan 1 2021 1:35 utc | 41

My appreciation and gratitude goes out to you, B, and to you, the posters who help me maintain and sharpen my point of view on the world, a big plus as I continue to find my way among neighbors and sentient beings out here in the woods in Illinois. My predictions: Latin America will keep emerging amid lots of struggle and setbacks triggered by or exacerbated by the U.S. Ecuador's Feb. election will be big. Meanwhile, collapse in the U.S. will be steady and un-stop-able. The Democrats will be exposed more and the left will find it more difficult to support the new rock star saviors.
Resolutions for me: talk to neighbors more, organize forums locally to talk about health care while I grow and forage mushrooms and appreciate this beautiful world and the spirits that surround and sustain me!

Posted by: migueljose | Jan 1 2021 1:35 utc | 42

Many thanks, Bernhard and Happy New Year to you! Love it that you do your research, cover the important issues and events of the day globally, and most of all love it that you admit when you're wrong. This for me means honesty and trust. Looking forward to checking your take on whatszzup on a daily basis as we head into 2021 -- Keep on keepin' on!
DickyGee

Posted by: Richard A Gabrio | Jan 1 2021 2:01 utc | 43

Long time lurker and commenter, dear barflies. Hot air balloons have been launched tonight with your good wishes aboard.

The very best 2021 to you all.

Posted by: gnonio | Jan 1 2021 2:22 utc | 44

Happy Happy New Year to you and your family b!!

You have so added to the quality of my information intake. We disagree about the corona virus "plandemic" as well as the scientific "facts", but it's all good - you gave me the benefit of an analysis from a person I deeply respect. Thank you! Thank you!! Thank you!!

Posted by: Damani | Jan 1 2021 3:13 utc | 45

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